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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN AND CHINESE EXPERTS AGREE ON

CONSTRUCTION NOUAKCHOTT PORT

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 886

1. MAURITANIAN MINISTER CONSTRUCTION AND CHINESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRS
JUNE 28 SIGNED OFFICIAL WRITTEN RECORD OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS
WHICH CHINESE AND MAURITANIAN TECHNICAL DELEGATIONS HAD HAD IN
NOUAKCHOTT PRECEDING SEVERAL DAYS. PHOTO AND STORY OF SIGNING
CEREMONY FRONTPAGED IN GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED DAILY FOLLOWING
MORNING.

2. DURING CEREMONY MINISTER CONSTRUCTION DECLARED HE WAS
PLEASED THAT CHINA WAS READY TO HELP MAURITANIA; ASSURED CHINA
OF MAURITANIAN GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION; AND POINTED OUT THAT
DEEP WATER PORT IS NATURAL COMPLEMENT OF NOUAKCHOTT-NE'MA
ROAD. MINISTER LATER TOLD PRESS FACT THAT MAURITANIA IMPORTS
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80-90 PERCENT OF ITS NEEDS ANDHAS ONLY THREE PORT FACILITIES
UNDERScores IMPORTANCE OF NOUAKCHOTT PORT PROJECT. EXPANSION
NOW UNDER WAY WILL INCREASE CAPACITY OF NOUAKCHOTT WHARF TO
320,000 TONS BY END OF YEAR. DEEP WATER PORT WILL PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL 500,000 TONS OF CAPACITY.

4. CHINESE CHARGE ANNOUNCED NOUAKCHOTT DEEP WATER PORT IS

TO BE KNOWN AS "PORT OF FRIENDSHIP" SYMBOLIZING FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN MAURITANIAN AND CHINESE PEOPLES. HE CONGRATULATED
TWO DELEGATIONS FOR JOINT EFFORT WHICH RESULTED IN
SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL RECORD. HE HAILED SIGNING OF PRO-
CEEDINGS AS GOOD BEGINNING OF COMBINED EFFORTS OF TWO
COUNTRIES. CHINESE TECHNICIANS WILL SPARE NO EFFORT FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF PART. DESPITE OUR LACK OF EXPERIENCE
WORKING ON ATLANTIC OCEAN, WE ARE DETERMINED TO BUILD
NOUAKCHOTT DEEP WATER PORT."

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